

UNDERTAKING

Another important service industry in the community is undertaking and funeral direction.

In the early days of Heber the dead were cared for by the Relief Society sisters. Cold or ice packs were applied to the corpse until the body was prepared for burial. Early carpenters such as William Bell, George Blackley and Henry McMullin made the first wooden coffins. Later John Bond sold ready-made coffins in his store. One of Mr. Bond's advertisements in a 1906 "Wasatch Wave," described his business as follows:

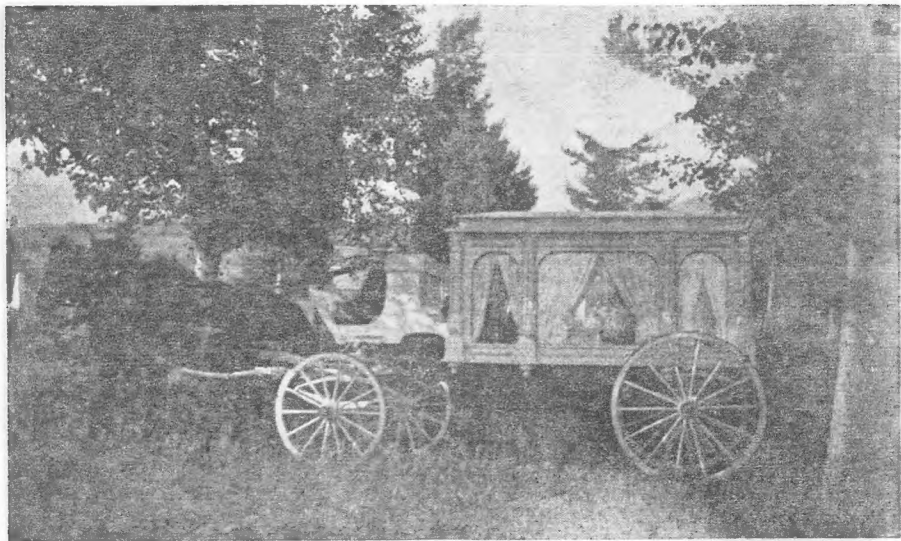
"John Bond, undertaker and licensed embalmer. Builder and owner of one of the finest white hearses in the west. Holding a diploma from the Philadelphia Training School of Embalmers, also a state certificate."

Another early undertaker in Heber was John W. Winterrose who came to Heber in 1885 as a carpenter and cabinet maker. He left that business in 1906 to go into undertaking. His first establishment was a building purchased from Mark Jeffs at 135 S. Main. In 1919 he expanded into property and a home at 123 S. Main. With his experience as a carpenter he made many of the caskets. Mr. Winterrose retired in 1931 because of ill health.

Heber's present mortuary was founded in 1928 when Joseph Olpin and his family moved into the valley from Utah County. They bought

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the Joseph A. Rasband residence on Main Street between Second and Third North and remodeled it into a mortuary facility. Then in 1958 they constructed the modern mortuary they now operate adjacent to their home. Working with Mr. Olpin are his sons Joseph E. (Ted) and Guy.



This horse-drawn hearse was used throughout the valley before 1915 by J. W. Winterrose, undertaker.